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**PATENT**  
Docket No. 5000-4960

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Koya SUZUKI et al. Group Art Unit : 3679  
Serial No. : 09/972,448 Examiner : Ernesto Garcia  
Filed : October 6, 2001  
For : JOINING STRUCTURE FOR TWO MEMBERS, AND PROPELLER SHAFT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002 constituting a requirement for restriction in the above-identified application, election is made to prosecute the claims in the Examiner's Species I, (i.e., Figure 5). Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-10, 12 and 14-16 are all readable on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

It is believed that claim 1 is generic. Action on the merits of claims 1, 2, 3, 5-10, 12 and 14-16 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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